

Letters

Psyche ⇌ Soma

I was very pleased indeed to learn from your Preliminary Announcement that DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY is to appear early in 1968.

As judged by your stated policy, this promises to be a truly international and interdisciplinary journal designed to provide a forum for the developmental researcher investigating the biological basis of behavior and the biological consequences of mental activity. In other words, it will deal both with psychosomatic and with somatopsychic interrelations, subjects which are truly fundamental in the interpretation of stress reactions, in which my coworkers and I have a particular interest.

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of contemporary biology is to bridge the gap between the psychic and the somatic manifestations of life. As far as I can determine, DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY is exceptionally well suited to assist with this task, both because of its general policy and because of the unusually large number of eminent authorities among the members of its Advisory Board, not to mention the authors who have already submitted or promised manuscripts.

My best wishes for success.

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A New Alignment of Disciplines

I am delighted to learn of the founding of the new quarterly journal DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY. A journal of this sort has been needed, where students of the developmental process can have access to a common forum for the reporting of research findings and discussions. During the past decade I have worked on problems of development during middle and later childhood. Now I am involved in a project having to do with the first two years of life. All during this period I have felt acutely the need for a journal that would bring together biological, psychological, biochemical and social studies of the developmental process. I strongly suspect that there is now emerging a new alignment of disciplines that might best be called the developmental sciences. I hope that DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY

will become a major organ for the publication of work in the developmental sciences.

With every good wish.

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Increasing Work in Area

This is to wish you success in the publication of the projected journal DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY. Work in this area has been increasing so greatly in recent years that you should have no difficulty in attracting contributions from many first-rate investigators. It would seem to me that a journal of this sort should prove very useful and fill a definite need.

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Authoritative Editorial Board

I am very pleased to hear about the new journal DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY. It seems to me that an interdisciplinary journal of this sort has been urgently needed where papers dealing with the problems of behavioral development from the standpoint of biology, psychology, anatomy, biochemistry, or genetics can appear under one cover. I should like to emphasize the importance of publishing papers related to the comparative ontogenesis of behavior in man and animals.

You are to be congratulated on your authoritative Editorial Board. Most of its staff are widely known by their works.

I wish you every success!

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